



Newsletter June 2014

Boroondara BUG meetings are normally held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month except January. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 11th June. It will be held in the upstairs function room of the Elgin Inn, cnr Burwood Rd and Elgin St Hawthorn (Melway 45 B10). The meeting starts at 7.00pm. Some of us arrive around 6.30pm for a meal at the Elgin Inn before the meeting.

The Boroondara BUG is a voluntary group working to promote the adoption of a safe and practical environment for utility and recreational cyclists in the City of Boroondara. We have close links with the City of Boroondara, Bicycle Network Victoria, and other local Bicycle Users Groups. Two of the positions on Council's Boroondara Bicycle Advisory Committee, which meets quarterly, are assigned to Boroondara BUG members.

Boroondara BUG has a website at <http://www.boroondarabug.org> that contains interesting material related to cycling, links to other cycle groups, recent Boroondara BUG Newsletters and breaking news. Our Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/boroondarabug>. Our email address for communications to the BUG is boroondarabug@gmail.com

We also have a Yahoo Group: Send a blank email to: BoroondaraBug-subscribe@yahoogroups.com to receive notification when the latest monthly newsletter and rides supplement have been placed on the web site and details of our next meeting, and very occasional other important messages.

All articles in this newsletter are the views and opinions of the authors and do not necessarily represent the views of any other members of Boroondara BUG. All rides publicised in the Rides Supplement are embarked upon at your own risk.

Events

Combine Bike and Steam – Sunday 6th July

Ride our steam train to South Geelong for a trip on the Bellarine Railway or take your bicycle on the train and cycle the Bellarine Rail Trail.

The train will depart from Southern Cross station or Newport Railway Station and passengers may alight at Geelong for leisurely lunch and the sights of Geelong or continue on the train through the tunnel to South Geelong where chartered coaches will transport you to Drysdale Station on the Bellarine Railway. For those taking the Bellarine Railway package, another steam train will be waiting at Drysdale to take them to the lovely seaside location of Queenscliff. Here you will have approximately 2 hours free time to explore, before the train returns to Drysdale and back to South Geelong to rejoin our train. [Click here to book.](#)

For those a bit more adventurous, we offer steam train travel between Melbourne and South Geelong with the starting point of the popular Bellarine Rail Trail a short distance away. Ride your bike along the 35km trail which runs closely parallel to the Bellarine Railway and return to South Geelong to join our train for the return trip to Melbourne. Our train will include a special freight vehicle for free bicycle transport.

More information at <http://www.707operations.com.au/>

Boroondara News

Minutes of Boroondara BUG Meeting, Wednesday 14th May 2014

Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

Attendance and Apologies

Present: Ken Parker, Gordon Macmillan, John Parker, David Farrow, Julia Blunden, Glennys Jones, Peter Campbell (Chair), John Piesse, Mal Faul, David Leong, Peter Carter, Hank van Apeldoorn, Dick Menting

Apologies: Alister Huth

Correspondence:

In

- Sundry commercial offers
- Invitation from Andrew Tammesild, Manager, Bridges, GHD, to stakeholder meeting on ramp from Anniversary Trail to Mont Albert Rd, Thursday 15/5 (see New Business item 1)
- Email from Hugh Rundle, Information Management & Kew Librarian, with details of Council's community grants (ineligible as not incorporated)

Out

- Letter of support for Council's application for funds for work on Walmer St approach ramp and land bridge

Matters Arising:

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Peter Campbell reported that he is still waiting on a response from Transport Minister Terry Mulder to his letter regarding his recent collision with a car in Burwood Rd. The question was raised as to whether Burwood Rd is a designated 'Priority Route' for cyclists.
2. **Golfers Choice and Urban Bush Path:** Glennys J reported that the Urban Bush Path is in the new draft Stonnington Bike Strategy.
3. **Darebin-Yarra Link:** Julia B reported that tenders have been called for the northern section of the link – Sparks Reserve to the Latrobe Golf Course. It is still expected that the link will be completed by the end of 2015. The boardwalk section under Heidelberg Rd has been resurfaced with fiberglass mesh and there are concerns that this will not permit access by ambulance. The boardwalk section just upstream from Heidelberg Rd, which caused a serious accident due to a buildup of slime, is still to be resurfaced.
4. **Belford Rd Underpass:** This is currently with VicRoads. Widening of the Eastern Freeway in association with the East West Link could be problematic for this project.
5. **North East Bicycle Corridor:** The working party met two weeks earlier to discuss background lobbying. John Parker indicated that he would be attending the ITENZ meeting on 15/5. Plan Melbourne is listed as a discussion item at this meeting. The NEBC is in Plan Melbourne but was not included in plans for the East West Link. Peter Carter reported that there will be an item in the next issue of BN's 'In the Loop', on 22/5. David F reported that he attended the final day of the East West Link panel hearings. While the BBUG submission conforms with objective T6 no decisions have been made as yet on bike issues. BBUG needs to know when decisions will be made in order to plan future lobbying.
6. **Stonnington Matters:** It was agreed that a BBUG response to the draft strategy is needed. **Julia B** agreed to prepare this with input from **Glennys J and John Parker**. There was some discussion of the need for greater transparency about the Stonnington Bicycle Advisory Committee. Hywell Rowlands has asked for BBUG input for inclusion in the Boroondara Council response by 16/5, which **Glennys** agreed to provide.
7. **Domestic Animals Management Plan:** Although Council is supposed to be putting up a proposal on this by mid-year there has been nothing as yet.
8. **Outer Circle Trail at Harp Junction:** The Kew East Residents Association has taken up this issue. A proposal has been made for the building of a toilet in this area as the nearby shopping strip has none. This would be welcomed by many users of the Outer Circle Trail as well. Glennys J had written to Minister Terry Mulder but has had no response as yet.
9. **Jacka Trail/North Balwyn Leisure Trail:** Nicola Harvey has been pursuing this with the local MP Robert Clark. A petition for a pedestrian crossing at Balwyn Rd has already gone to VicRoads, and another on the path to go to Council is still ongoing. David F reported that he attended a meeting on Recreation and Sports Development in Boroondara and has engaged in email correspondence since. An important issue with this is riding through parks, which is opposed by some vocal residents. There is a survey open until 23/5 which BBUG members are encouraged to complete. David agreed to circulate details to BBUG members and **Julia B** agreed to prepare a BBUG submission. BBUG also needs to check the plans for the extension of the Boroondara Sports Complex with a view to identifying routes for bike paths through the area.

10. **Invitations to Councilors to Attend BBUG Meetings:** It was agreed that Cr Jane Addis will be invited to the June meeting, with Cr Steve Hurst as the next choice, then Jim Parkes.
11. **Walmer St Bridge:** A BUG letter of support for Council's proposed works has been sent to Chris Hui.
12. **Mont Albert Rd:** There was general agreement that the best solution for cyclists riding uphill between Balwyn Rd and Rochester Rd is to use the footpath, which is wide enough but needs to be signed as a shared footway. There also needs to be a headstart box for those riding downhill on this section. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item for the next BAC meeting.
13. **Victorian BUGs Meeting Thursday 1 May:** It was agreed that Craig Richards seemed very receptive to BUG input and that the BUGs made a very good showing at this meeting, and that BN / BUG relations generally benefitted. Both Jason den Hollander and Garry Brennan should be added to the distribution list for future meetings. John Piesse reported that he has been invited to a focus group at BN on 27/5 to discuss some new initiatives. There was some discussion of matters BBUG members would like to pursue with BN, mostly safety related.
14. **Meeting with Tim Smith, Endorsed Candidate for Kew:** John Parker has spoken with Tim Smith about the NEBC and other BBUG projects. He agreed to email Tim Smith about the possibility of another meeting with David F and Julia B.
15. **Camberwell Laneways Project:** NTR – remove from future agendas.
16. **Incorporation:** Mal F reported that we do need a President and a Vice-President, as well as a Treasurer and Secretary to become incorporated. The benefits include the ability to accept gifts, open a bank account (both of which the BUG has already contrived to do!) but also to take out public liability insurance, enter into contracts, apply for grants, and run bike rides.

Peter Campbell indicated that he is willing to take on the VP role. John Parker indicated that he will consider whether he is prepared to take on the President's role.
17. **Treasurer's Report:** Mal Faul reported that BBUG currently has 43 financial members. Cash in the bank: \$1931.92, though there are cheques still to be presented to the value of \$261.06, and Term deposit: \$3203.92. \$250 has been received from BN for Super Tuesday counting.

New Business

1. **Glennys J** reported that she would be attending the meeting organized by consultants GHD about a proposed ramp from the Anniversary Trail to Mont Albert Rd. There was agreement that the ramp would be best located at the northwest corner of the intersection; that it is desirable that the footpath be widened between the ramp and the pedestrian crossing for use by Camberwell Grammar students and others; and that a generous turning circle is needed where the ramp switches back to accommodate recumbents, tandems etc. as well as flares where the ramp meets the shared path.

Other Business

None

Next meeting: Wednesday 11th June

Notes by Julia Blunden

Contacts for Rides

There are many BUGs, clubs and other organisations, several of them local, which organise rides. Below are some of their contact details. A separate supplement contains details of many of their forthcoming rides.

Ashburton Riders Club

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Tony Landsell - email: tony@diacher.com

Justin Murphy - email: murphjj@au1.ibm.com

website: <http://www.ashburtonridersclub.asn.au/>

Banyule BUG

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contacts: Maurie phone: 9439 1619, or Leigh phone: 9432 9720

Boroondara Bushwalkers

contact Julia Blunden

phone: 9853 5095

email: jblunden@bigpond.com

website: www.keypoint.com.au/~bbwinc

Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre Bike Riding Group

Contact: Robin Kendrick, phone: 9853 3126

Council on the Ageing (COTA) Cycling Group

contact Janet Bennett

email: janpeter@bigpond.net.au or COTA,

phone: 9654 4443

website:

http://www.cotavic.org.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/1006/cota_cycling_brochure_jul-dec_2007.pdf

Darebin BUG

Rides and Events Coordinator

Doug Morffew, phone: 9499 7325 (AH)

email: dougmorf@alphalink.com.au

website: www.darebinbug.org.au

Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre

Phone: 9890 2467

Email: info@surreyhillssnc.org.au

Website: www.surreyhillssnc.org.au

Knox Bicycle Touring Club Incorporated

email: Mikeaatleisure@aol.com

website: home.vicnet.net.au/~knoxbike

Manningham BUG

email: seball@netlink.com.au, H.Edwards@bom.gov.au

website: www.vicnet.net.au/~mannbug

Maroondah Bushwalking Club

To obtain details of how to book on a walk and a copy of the current walks and activities program Contact information officers:

Sandra, phone: 9728 3833, Aileen, phone: 9876 1104

website: home.vicnet.net.au/~mbush/

Melbourne Bicycle Touring Club

email info@mbtc.org.au (Note that this email address doesn't get checked every day - so don't expect an immediate response!) website: mbtc.org.au

Whitehorse Cyclists

email: ejhopper@vicnet.net.au

website: <http://www.whitehorsecyclists.org.au/>

Finbar Neighbourhood House Rides

Contact Deb in the office on 9428 7668 or 0403 028 200

YHA

contacts: Ride Co-Ordinator Kathy

rides@yhacycling.org.au or mobile 0425-792 574

or Secretary Voula on secretary@yhacycling.org.au

website: www.yhacycling.org.au has free registration

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Boroondara Bicycle Users Group

Membership Application Form

Name_____

Address & Postcode_____

Phone (H)_____

Phone (M)_____

Phone (W)_____

Email_____

Member of Bicycle Victoria? Please circle: Yes / No

Membership requires a payment of \$15 per household which covers 3 years. Please send cheque (made out to Boroondara Bicycle Users Group) along with this form to:

Malcolm Faul

Phone: 9853 1369

Email: malfaul@alphalink.com.au

Address: 38 Grove Rd, Hawthorn, 3122